



CITY OF ROWLETT CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Our Vision: A well-planned lakeside community of quality neighborhoods, distinctive amenities, diverse employment, and cultural charm. Rowlett: THE place to live, work and play.

Thursday, November 5, 2020

5:00 P.M.

Municipal Building

As authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, this meeting may be convened into closed Executive Session for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on any agenda item herein.

The City of Rowlett reserves the right to reconvene, recess or realign the Regular Session or called Executive Session or order of business at any time prior to adjournment.

Present (Remotely): Mayor Dana-Bashian, Mayor Pro Tem Grubisich, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bell, Councilmember Margolis, Councilmember Sherrill, Councilmember Laning and Councilmember Brown (arrived at 5:15 p.m.)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dana-Bashian called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 2A.** The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, §551.087 (Economic Development) to update the Council on and to discuss commercial or financial information and the offer of incentives to business prospects that the City may seek to have locate, stay or expand in Rowlett and with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations. (45 minutes) **(THIS ITEM WILL BE DISCUSSED FOLLOWING THE REGULAR PORTION OF THE MEETING)**

In Executive Session at 8:04 p.m. Out at 9:47 p.m.

3. WORK SESSION (5:30 P.M.)* Times listed are approximate.

To provide comment for any Work Session or agenda item, please send an email to CitizenInput@rowlett.com by 3:30 p.m. the day of the meeting. There will be no comments taken during the meeting.

- 3A.** Discuss and approve selection of right turn lanes to be designed and constructed at various City locations. (30 minutes)

Tom Harris, City Engineer, presented this item. Discussion was had regarding the various prioritization options for the design and construction of right turn lanes.

- 3B.** Discuss recommendations from the City Council Ethics Sub-Committee regarding ethics guidelines for City Council and Boards and Commissions members. (30 minutes)

Councilmember Margolis presented this item for the Ethics Sub-Committee. Discussion was had and consensus reached with minor wording changes.

- 3C.** Discuss 2021 Legislative Agenda for the City of Rowlett. (45 minutes)

Brian Funderburk, City Manager, brought this item before the City Council. Discussion was had regarding finalizing the legislative priorities for the City's flyer. This item will be presented as a resolution at the November 17th.

- 3D.** Discuss options and timeline for moving to in person or hybrid (in person and virtual combination) public meetings including City Council and Boards and Commission meetings. (10 minutes)

This item followed Item 3E.

Angie Smith, Deputy City Manager, presented this item. Spoke regarding staff exploring hybrid meeting options. Stated extensive testing will be performed to ensure a smooth transition from virtual to in-person meetings. Consensus was reached to move forward with equipment testing and virtual meetings will continue until a hybrid option is working.

- 3E.** Discuss recent settlement agreement between the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) and its member cities and the potential impact to the City of Rowlett. (30 minutes)

This item was presented before Item 3D.

Brian Funderburk, City Manager, updated the Council on this item. Spoke regarding NTMWD's settlement and their motion to dismiss request. Staff stated the City, along with two additional cities, have filed a motion to object to the motion to dismiss.

4. DISCUSS CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

After a short break at 7:24 p.m., Council reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

INVOCATION – Pastor Cole Hedgecox, First Baptist Church of Rowlett

CONVENE REGULAR SESSION (7:30 P.M.)* Times listed are approximate.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- 5A.** Update from the City Council and Management: Financial Position, Major Projects, Operational Issues, Upcoming Dates of Interest and Items of Community Interest.

Mayor Dana-Bashian thanked the 2020 Census Complete Count Committee for their dedication to promoting participation among the residents of Rowlett. The members include: Jeff Winget,

Debby Bobbitt, Jerry Hickman, Lucia Massey, Lakisha Culpepper, Elise Bowers, Veda Kull and Robert McCarrier.

Councilmember Sherrill spoke of the success with the Prescription Takeback Program. He thanked the residents of Rowlett for turning in over 556 pounds of medication.

6. CITIZENS' INPUT

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7. CONSENT AGENDA

7A. Approving minutes.

Consider action to approve minutes from the following City Council meetings: October 20, 2020 Regular Meeting and October 26, 2020 Special Meeting.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

7B. Consider a resolution approving a Task Authorization for engineering services.

Consider action to approve a resolution executing Task Authorization FY21-FNI-01 to Freese and Nichols Inc. for engineering services to perform an update to the Water Master Plan in the amount of \$150,000.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-138-20.

7C. Consider a resolution authorizing payment and completion of federal closeout procedures for tornado debris management response reimbursement project.

Consider action to approve a resolution authorizing payment in the amount of \$743,389.12 to the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to authorize the completion of federal closeout procedures for the City's December 26, 2015 tornado debris management response reimbursement project, DR-4255 Project Worksheet (PW) 1.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-139-20.

7D. Consider reappointment of Municipal Court Judge.

Consider a resolution approving the reappointment of Judge Pam Liston as the Municipal Court Chief Judge.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-140-20.

7E. Consider awarding contract for rental of uniforms.

Consider action to accept the bid of and award a 3-year contract to Cintas Uniforms for the rental of uniforms for Public Works Operations staff in the amount of \$24,684.44, annually.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-141-20.

7F. Consider a resolution authorizing a grant application.

Consider action to approve a resolution authorizing a grant application under the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) Local Park Grant Program in the amount of \$400,000.00 for Lakefront at Pecan Grove Park and designate the City Manager as the authorized project official.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-142-20.

Passed the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Grubisich, including all the preceding item(s) marked as having been approved on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of those members present.

8. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

8A. Conduct a public hearing and take action on approving an ordinance regarding amendments to the Form-Based Code and the North Shore Framework Plans to: 1) require Special Use Permits for Mixed Residential Building Types and multi-family projects, and 2) revise the Building Types provision limiting Mixed Residential buildings to 25% of a larger mixed use development in the North Shore Framework Plans.

Munal Mauladad, Director of Community Development, presented the suggested amendment changes. The public hearing opened and closed at 7:53 p.m. with no one speaking.

Motioned by Councilmember Margolis, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bell, to approve the requirement of a Special Use Permit for Mixed Residential Building Type and multi-family projects as presented. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of those members present.

A second motion by Councilmember Margolis, seconded by Councilmember Laning, to revise the Building Type provision limiting Mixed Residential buildings to 25% of a larger mixed use development in the North Shore Framework Plans as presented. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of those members present.

This item was approved as ORD-026-20.

After a short break at 7:57 p.m., Council reconvened at 8:04 p.m. in Executive Session.

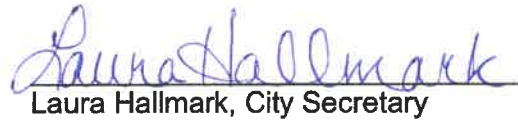
TAKE ANY NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE ACTION ON CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

There was no action taken.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.


Tammy Dana-Bashian, Mayor


Laura Hallmark, City Secretary

Approved on: November 17, 2020

